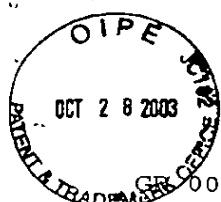


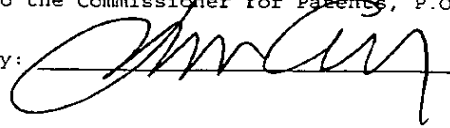
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In response to the final Office action dated July 31, 2003,  
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of  
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